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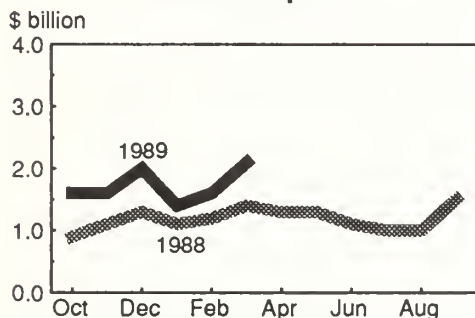


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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## Trade Surplus



**Trade Surplus Grows** - At \$2.1 billion, the U.S. agricultural trade surplus in March was the largest since April 1982. March 1989's surplus soared 48 percent above March 1988's, and the balance during the first 6 months of FY 1989 exceeded last year's by 45 percent. Agricultural exports rose \$575 million between February and March, while imports gained \$110 million (table 3).

**Exports Third Highest Ever** - More than \$4 billion in agricultural products were shipped abroad during March, the highest level in 8 years. Corn and animal feed exports climbed more than \$100 million each, with smaller gains reported for soybeans, wheat, rice, meat, fruits, nuts, vegetables, tobacco, and hides. However, lower exports were reported for cotton and live animals. Changeover to the Harmonized reporting system probably delayed the recording of documents. Comparisons between 1989 data with previous periods should include consideration of the export carryover from January and February into March.

Corn export value totaled \$625 million in March, a \$148 million gain from February, driven almost entirely by higher volume. Compared with FY 1988, monthly U.S. corn exports have been substantially larger and prices higher. The result has been a cumulative gain of \$1.4 billion during the first half of the fiscal year. Nearly half of the \$3.2 billion increase in U.S. agricultural exports this year is attributable to corn.

March soybean exports increased 291,000 tons and \$80 million. Larger shipments to the EC more than offset a drop to Japan. At 1.8 million tons and \$544 million, soybean exports approached this fiscal year's December high. Typically, U.S. soybean exports peak in February or

earlier; 1989 marks the first year since 1981 that they gained in March. A late Brazilian harvest and labor disputes at Brazilian ports account for much of this departure from previous seasonal patterns. Reporting delays also may have contributed as the U.S. shifted to the Harmonized System.

U.S. wheat exports gained 400,000 tons and \$70 million in March largely because of increased exports to the Soviet Union. The USSR became the largest customer for U.S. wheat in March, replacing China, the top market during the previous 5 months. Shipments to Egypt fell almost 300,000 tons below February's, but few significant changes occurred in shipments to other markets. (Steve MacDonald, 202-786-1821).

**Imports Increase** - Agricultural imports rose slightly to almost \$2 billion in March. Natural rubber, cocoa, and wine climbed seasonally, exceeding February's values. Meat and sugar imports also gained. However, fruit and vegetable imports dropped by more than \$30 million, primarily in fresh grapes from Chile and orange juice from Brazil. (Steve Milmoe, 202-786-1821).

**Japan Remains Leading Export Market** - Shipments of U.S. farm products to Japan during the first half of FY 1989 totaled almost \$4.3 billion, 18 percent above the same period a year earlier. The Soviet Union moved up to second place from fourth, with value gaining 76 percent to nearly \$1.9 billion. Mexico became third largest destination, taking \$1.4 billion, as agricultural exports shot up 165 percent. Other leading markets this fiscal year include the Netherlands, South Korea, Canada, Taiwan, China, Spain, West Germany, Egypt, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela (see table 4).

## Imports

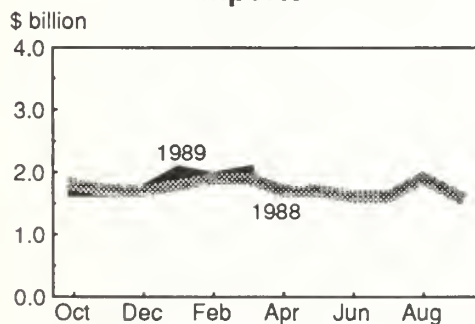


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	17,926,946	21,170,313	--	--	3,352,050	4,054,273
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	2,832,191	3,313,757	--	--	501,075	573,728
Animals live - excl. poultry (NO)	167	1,567	215,736	313,796	27	75	18,914	22,707
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	67	186	54,984	109,940	9	16	8,797	9,907
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	11	19	154,830	156,680	2	4	8,761	7,829
Swine - live (NO)	4	134	3,320	17,082	1	6	573	766
Other live animals (NO)	84	1,228	2,601	30,094	15	48	783	4,206
Meats & meat prods, excl poultry (MT)	279	376	773,454	1,144,403	45	69	131,335	225,996
Beef & veal (MT)	107	147	443,450	690,753	17	35	75,837	155,152
Beef & veal - fresh or frozen (MT)	105	144	435,833	679,896	16	34	74,219	153,530
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	2	3	7,617	10,857	0	1	1,618	1,622
Horsemeat-fresh, chill., frozen (MT)	24	28	46,471	58,768	4	5	8,671	10,879
Pork (MT)	21	39	83,938	143,248	3	6	10,979	22,037
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	18	33	76,357	127,212	2	5	9,852	19,199
Pork - prepared or preserved (MT)	3	6	7,581	16,036	1	1	1,127	2,839
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	118	152	176,423	224,833	20	21	31,539	33,309
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	9	11	23,172	26,799	2	2	4,309	4,618
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	298,917	360,394	--	--	51,634	62,065
Poultry - live (NO)	22,027	21,224	38,350	36,795	3,972	4,272	8,273	7,276
Baby chicks (NO)	20,019	18,474	35,383	32,975	3,554	3,783	7,608	6,659
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	2,967	3,820	--	--	664	617
Poultry meats (MT)	186	220	191,713	250,598	30	41	30,778	44,005
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	162	200	163,992	222,307	27	38	26,763	39,706
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	13	9	12,077	10,571	2	1	1,624	1,448
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	7	7	8,273	8,445	1	1	894	1,462
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	3	5	7,371	9,275	1	1	1,497	1,390
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	1	13,854	14,976	0	0	3,656	3,565
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	55,000	58,025	--	--	8,928	7,219
Dairy products (MT)	176	232	221,475	235,293	34	57	46,852	35,965
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	1	6	1,136	9,495	0	2	154	3,510
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	115	69	86,950	91,004	22	16	19,072	16,492
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	4	2	4,286	3,770	1	0	754	635
Cheese (MT)	10	8	20,078	18,058	1	1	3,612	2,111
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	22	41	13,460	26,738	6	6	3,438	5,734
Other dairy products (MT)	23	106	95,566	86,227	4	32	19,822	7,484
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	674	716	256,685	285,854	131	124	53,198	48,393
Lard (MT)	26	32	12,232	15,881	5	6	2,581	2,923
Tallow - inedible (MT)	598	583	217,595	222,899	115	92	44,535	35,082
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	51	102	26,859	47,074	11	26	6,081	10,389
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	952,011	840,066	--	--	178,966	158,868
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	11,367	12,502	715,070	661,016	2,224	2,527	136,879	120,980
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	10,694	16,074	--	--	2,527	3,669
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	77,792	78,387	--	--	13,757	11,820
Furskins (NA)	--	--	148,455	84,589	--	--	25,803	22,399
Mink pelts (NO)	1,428	1,572	54,113	51,107	222	393	7,778	11,702
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	94,342	33,482	--	--	18,026	10,697
Wool & mohair (MT)	3	3	20,851	19,890	1	0	2,779	2,496
Sausage casings (MT)	5	5	13,577	14,706	1	1	2,222	2,502
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	18,855	25,032	--	--	4,112	2,974
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	24	51	60,631	74,324	5	11	11,062	11,760
Grains and feeds (MT)	53,294	57,589	5,564,099	8,446,611	10,730	11,547	1,164,870	1,718,566
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	19,582	18,282	1,934,487	2,882,873	4,059	3,860	401,875	622,650
Wheat flour (MT)	500	757	64,896	136,027	16	135	3,126	29,494
Bulgur wheat (MT)	72	34	13,244	13,529	12	0	2,275	310
Other wheat products (MT)	5	5	4,344	4,897	1	0	843	781
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,189	1,565	368,907	472,567	189	318	75,037	92,026
Feed grains & products (MT)	25,887	30,901	2,224,224	3,810,528	5,148	6,024	467,854	733,875
Feed grains (MT)	25,729	30,711	2,184,301	3,753,467	5,124	5,977	461,244	720,600
Barley (MT)	1,768	466	136,863	56,362	334	43	21,602	4,978
Corn (MT)	21,035	26,124	1,805,737	3,225,689	4,166	5,149	384,823	625,049
Grain sorghums (MT)	2,921	4,062	241,175	464,620	623	774	54,755	89,263
Oats (MT)	4	5	433	621	0	0	48	50
Rye (MT)	1	55	93	6,175	0	11	17	1,259
Feed grain products (MT)	157	190	39,923	57,061	24	46	6,610	13,276
Popcorn (MT)	32	32	15,851	18,198	5	10	2,575	5,279
Blended food products (MT)	105	114	28,511	36,629	23	30	7,095	9,446
Other grain products (MT)	106	170	71,727	108,935	24	47	13,701	25,798
Feeds & fodders, excl. oilcake (MT)	5,816	5,728	837,908	962,426	1,253	1,122	190,488	198,906
Corn by-products (MT)	3,155	2,836	424,491	423,279	659	460	94,209	70,386
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	305	262	39,128	38,614	57	47	8,024	6,555
Beet pulp (MT)	554	428	61,624	54,174	123	97	13,955	11,780
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	329	404	40,428	48,268	104	107	13,176	13,601
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	1,472	1,798	272,238	398,091	309	411	61,125	96,584
Fruits & preparations, excl juice (MT)	988	1,021	674,988	713,607	172	189	115,978	125,189
Fruits - fresh (MT)	838	862	475,625	502,428	149	163	84,320	90,403
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	497	523	263,759	278,183	112	129	56,025	68,213
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	269	269	131,497	128,854	69	66	31,793	31,333
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	72	75	43,579	48,424	9	13	5,340	8,190
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	152	177	85,630	99,133	33	49	18,132	28,645
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	4	3	3,053	1,773	1	0	760	45
Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	341	339	211,866	224,245	37	34	28,295	22,190
Apples - fresh (MT)	211	182	89,720	91,089	20	18	9,627	9,048
Grapes - fresh (MT)	47	66	47,906	60,864	3	1	3,094	1,257
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	83	91	74,239	72,292	14	15	15,574	11,885

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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - dried (MT)	84	84	131,416	133,799	13	11	20,089	18,594
Raisins - dried (MT)	45	47	66,522	72,600	6	6	9,643	10,354
Prunes - dried (MT)	34	32	53,954	51,117	5	4	8,591	6,847
Other dried fruits (MT)	5	5	10,939	10,082	1	1	1,855	1,392
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	41	41	42,465	42,571	7	9	7,262	9,440
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	13	12	12,744	11,187	2	1	1,926	1,219
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	12	22	12,739	23,622	2	5	2,381	5,533
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	2,040	2,059	96,382	107,644	536	403	24,533	23,468
Orange juice (HL)	1,000	988	47,676	51,604	246	202	10,977	10,391
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,039	1,071	48,706	56,040	290	201	13,555	13,077
Wine (HL)	26	165	33,406	35,839	5	61	6,266	7,094
Nuts and preparations (MT)	264	281	524,220	510,301	27	36	51,034	64,173
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	95	93	311,316	285,819	9	13	32,231	39,534
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	97	118	71,099	95,423	13	21	10,560	16,816
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	60	58	99,093	87,824	2	1	2,796	2,468
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	1	3,658	4,830	0	0	482	701
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	12	11	39,053	36,405	1	1	4,964	4,654
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	962	1,162	667,562	778,653	151	224	123,233	148,818
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	347	344	162,178	166,276	51	62	32,111	38,119
Celery - fresh (MT)	29	32	9,108	10,175	4	5	1,232	1,574
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	124	92	39,504	28,730	13	16	4,020	4,988
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	9	31	3,406	11,419	3	10	1,023	3,226
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	36	36	23,691	24,119	6	8	3,684	5,457
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	149	154	86,469	91,833	24	23	22,152	22,874
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	116	134	81,213	98,750	23	27	15,870	19,097
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	63	78	42,362	52,106	11	16	7,484	10,110
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	53	56	38,851	46,644	12	11	8,387	8,987
Vegetables - canned (MT)	80	97	64,573	84,692	14	13	11,237	11,240
Pulses (MT)	290	277	122,723	147,601	40	44	18,253	23,322
Dried beans (MT)	204	192	95,397	116,786	29	29	14,855	18,773
Dried peas (MT)	71	67	21,627	21,222	10	12	2,826	3,349
Dried lentils (MT)	15	19	5,698	9,593	1	2	572	1,199
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	6	6	42,594	36,581	1	1	11,209	5,082
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	123	304	194,280	244,753	22	78	34,553	51,958
Oilseeds and products (MT)	19,532	14,169	4,617,088	4,441,033	3,313	2,746	846,255	843,917
Oilcake and meal (MT)	3,720	3,097	830,848	873,251	901	703	206,189	193,367
Soybean meal (MT)	3,633	3,026	817,592	860,553	893	690	204,019	191,769
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	88	71	13,256	12,698	8	13	2,170	1,599
Oilseeds (MT)	14,933	10,382	3,335,870	3,134,291	2,200	1,914	530,233	565,200
Soybeans (MT)	14,665	10,069	3,207,394	2,974,640	2,136	1,819	501,578	531,398
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	165	52	52,111	27,909	43	11	13,732	5,628
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	27	37	21,631	31,672	4	4	3,231	3,272
Other oilseeds (MT)	53	190	16,319	52,393	13	76	4,286	17,712
Protein substances (MT)	22	33	38,414	47,676	4	4	7,407	7,189
Vegetable oils (MT)	879	690	450,369	433,491	212	129	109,832	85,350
Soybean oil (MT)	435	323	197,797	180,154	127	51	59,277	27,235
Cottonseed oil (MT)	82	86	38,181	44,397	17	23	8,125	12,202
Sunflower oil (MT)	192	106	82,500	55,328	31	18	13,148	9,405
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	170	175	131,892	153,612	37	37	29,283	36,508
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	138	134	784,993	813,963	21	26	116,828	158,782
Tobacco - burley (MT)	21	22	123,516	152,912	9	10	54,813	72,255
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	90	82	562,137	541,701	7	10	41,623	62,564
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	27	30	99,339	119,351	6	7	20,392	23,962
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	846	686	1,304,710	954,167	170	137	268,048	192,797
Cotton linters (MT)	18	28	6,370	10,585	2	4	764	1,585
Essential oils (MT)	5	7	62,177	87,517	1	1	11,143	16,132
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	193	240	281,085	302,255	23	49	37,965	51,422
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	455	1,080	330,945	403,598	31	76	54,317	63,168
Sugar & related products (MT)	404	1,008	90,975	132,226	22	66	11,495	28,324
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	151	764	39,712	59,637	13	28	4,825	9,780
Related sugar products (MT)	253	243	51,263	72,590	9	38	6,670	18,544
Coffee (MT)	6	8	41,032	45,576	1	1	6,234	6,899
Cocoa (MT)	2	5	4,927	13,234	0	1	1,054	2,093
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	14	25	54,211	84,744	2	4	9,188	12,833
Tea & mate' (MT)	1	2	8,306	10,118	0	1	1,345	2,272
Spices (MT)	4	5	13,167	13,924	1	1	2,500	2,423
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	11	7	100,037	70,777	2	1	18,569	5,959
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	11	18	17,642	31,851	2	1	3,813	1,971
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	14	20	76,555	111,326	2	2	13,329	25,462
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	39,564	51,982	--	--	9,897	12,445
Beverages, excluding juices (HL)	60	834	30,611	87,476	13	401	6,516	27,528
Selected non-agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	4,547,210	4,565,056	--	--	901,557	840,531
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,222,808	641,797	0	4	219,069	2,205
Fish and shellfish (MT)	222	290	741,638	903,292	46	57	150,282	227,228
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	106	130	393,138	413,603	23	26	72,402	80,240
Shellfish (MT)	37	64	267,019	349,971	10	21	62,632	101,454
Other fish products (MT)	79	96	81,481	139,719	12	10	15,248	45,534
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	141	142	831,147	736,360	32	28	189,375	121,574
Fungicides (MT)	18	14	103,672	82,893	3	2	19,025	10,934
Herbicides (MT)	85	75	478,075	395,876	21	13	116,300	64,054
Insecticides (MT)	28	34	190,016	152,825	5	10	41,716	19,846
Other pesticides (MT)	10	19	59,384	104,765	3	3	12,333	26,740
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	451,869	708,483	--	--	109,138	197,326
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	31	145	205,120	215,618	7	63	48,136	42,561
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	246,749	492,865	--	--	61,002	154,764
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,299,748	1,575,123	--	--	233,693	292,199

Preliminary data. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns denote less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	10,891,260	10,963,447	--	--	1,948,713	1,983,107
Noncompetitive agric. imports (NA)	--	--	3,412,465	3,152,168	--	--	604,786	579,671
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,535	1,499	404,462	423,501	272	257	75,701	74,579
Coffee, including products (MT)	574	489	1,372,307	1,190,764	90	86	239,087	201,467
Cocoa and products (MT)	324	291	702,199	512,234	50	56	105,834	102,745
Tea and mate' (MT)	40	44	52,934	64,690	8	9	11,389	13,208
Spices (MT)	49	52	186,418	138,637	9	10	32,922	25,548
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	447	483	468,390	579,808	88	105	96,169	120,768
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	3,612	5,114	0	0	542	1,154
Wool, unmanufactured - carpet (MT)	7	8	23,866	27,967	1	2	3,781	7,499
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	27	37	12,870	18,290	4	10	2,409	4,712
Essential oils (MT)	6	8	65,065	72,842	1	1	12,931	12,134
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	25	30	109,427	112,942	7	3	22,307	15,682
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	10,916	5,379	--	--	1,714	175
Competitive agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	7,478,795	7,811,278	--	--	1,343,927	1,403,435
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	2,766,695	2,529,299	--	--	493,591	424,232
Animals-live, exclud. poultry (NO)	1,431	1,488	455,577	439,043	215	320	64,603	82,345
Cattle - live (NO)	1,089	768	392,006	338,687	133	174	54,397	66,407
Horses & mules - live (NO)	6	5	32,982	36,288	1	1	4,064	3,648
Swine - live(NO)	275	679	27,953	61,087	54	144	5,786	12,167
Other live animals (NO)	61	36	2,636	2,980	27	1	356	123
Meats & products exc. poultry (MT)	634	548	1,409,525	1,199,557	127	96	275,129	207,796
Beef and veal (MT)	371	324	804,801	724,496	78	58	168,319	131,220
Beef & veal-fresh or frozen (MT)	334	288	700,816	633,537	73	52	154,537	116,583
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	37	35	103,985	90,959	6	6	13,782	14,637
Pork (MT)	238	198	545,891	409,658	44	33	97,528	66,207
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	152	125	273,023	201,036	27	22	47,349	33,310
Pork - prepared or preservd (MT)	86	73	272,868	208,622	17	12	50,179	32,896
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	11	9	20,244	19,547	2	2	4,152	3,899
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	11	9	19,644	18,831	2	2	4,130	3,899
Mutton goat & lamb-prep/pres (MT)	0	0	600	716	0	0	22	0
Horsemeat - fresh or frozen (MT)	0	0	18	6	0	0	0	0
Variety meats-fresh or frozen (MT)	5	6	7,001	9,247	1	1	1,104	2,032
Other meats - fresh or froz (MT)	2	2	11,375	14,757	0	0	1,276	956
Other meats & products (MT)	6	8	20,195	21,845	1	2	2,750	3,482
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	51,277	57,955	--	--	6,629	9,770
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	3,902	6,005	--	--	523	1,647
Poultry meat (MT)	2	3	7,204	7,757	0	0	822	1,526
Eggs (NA)	--	--	6,890	9,588	--	--	924	1,940
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	5	5	33,282	34,605	1	1	4,360	4,658
Dairy products (MT)	172	161	451,161	409,012	24	21	67,432	58,816
Milk & cream, fresh or dried (MT)	9	8	8,771	8,951	1	1	1,214	1,382
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	0	1	920	2,106	0	0	173	230
Cheese (MT)	64	58	207,766	186,136	8	9	25,143	26,786
Casein & mixtures (MT)	51	31	138,158	139,856	8	6	23,319	26,851
Other dairy products (MT)	47	62	95,546	71,963	7	5	17,583	3,566
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	10	8	9,248	7,424	2	1	1,335	1,062
Hides & skins, incl. furskins (NA)	--	--	138,691	149,625	--	--	35,817	27,382
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	3	3	17,986	20,401	1	1	3,496	3,837
Other hides & skins, ex furs (MT)	13	18	28,689	34,464	2	3	5,415	4,818
Furskins (NA)	--	--	92,016	94,760	--	--	26,906	18,728
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	26	23	138,706	146,492	4	3	22,693	18,439
Sausage casings (MT)	7	8	31,559	32,659	1	1	5,776	5,347
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,596	2,025	--	--	218	358
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	79,354	85,507	--	--	13,959	12,917
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	1,485	1,761	421,278	565,336	277	330	72,662	111,504
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	122	156	15,328	27,373	22	17	3,036	3,913
Oats, unmilled (MT)	415	600	45,092	85,679	93	124	11,382	20,074
Barley, unmilled (MT)	158	121	12,297	20,783	25	17	1,996	3,180
Rice (MT)	47	56	21,917	26,914	9	10	4,570	4,584
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	67	73	144,858	157,400	10	12	19,389	24,794
Pasta & noodles (MT)	53	54	41,813	44,885	10	12	8,218	10,112
Other grains & preps (MT)	161	152	68,628	95,986	29	36	11,428	22,688
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	461	548	71,343	106,316	78	102	12,644	22,159
Fruits & preparations (MT)	841	939	525,750	550,085	238	248	139,614	130,579
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	635	674	354,322	342,820	197	198	107,084	94,003
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	19	21	18,944	21,041	8	7	6,998	7,106
Apples, fresh (MT)	41	40	15,221	15,767	16	11	6,932	4,469
Citrus, fresh (MT)	56	49	17,474	12,783	7	4	1,320	1,218
Grapes, fresh (MT)	209	170	168,849	126,910	79	52	62,174	37,880
Mangoes (MT)	1	3	433	1,834	1	1	380	960
Melons (MT)	169	234	45,711	63,642	62	91	16,511	25,361
Pineapples (MT)	40	48	12,723	20,528	7	10	2,395	4,264
Other fruits - fresh or froz (MT)	99	110	74,968	80,316	16	21	10,375	12,745
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	206	264	171,427	207,265	41	50	32,530	36,577
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	109	141	74,134	85,129	22	32	13,519	18,679
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	97	123	97,293	122,135	20	18	19,011	17,898
Orange juice (HL)	10,555	8,490	293,423	307,578	1,168	830	41,140	27,233
Other fruit juices (HL)	4,757	7,011	118,093	159,302	731	1,014	18,470	21,883

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - Continued

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Nuts & preparations (MT)	77	69	182,532	169,451	8	9	18,588	25,181
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	2	4,750	7,263	0	0	429	315
Cashew nuts (MT)	20	22	117,912	104,506	2	4	11,485	18,206
Chestnuts (MT)	3	4	6,630	8,296	0	0	41	43
Coconut meat (MT)	21	22	18,786	19,633	3	3	2,853	2,735
Filberts (MT)	1	2	3,372	5,367	0	0	590	64
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	5,968	9,494	0	0	931	1,427
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	3,611	958	0	0	580	156
Other nuts (MT)	27	15	21,503	13,934	2	1	1,679	2,233
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,520	1,634	877,933	1,070,179	320	379	173,306	235,430
Vegetables - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,118	1,116	446,193	554,629	246	256	80,197	119,388
Tomatoes (MT)	215	213	92,970	123,516	48	47	12,486	23,217
Asparagus (MT)	12	11	16,483	14,386	4	5	4,871	5,553
Beans (MT)	11	15	8,582	13,612	2	3	1,488	2,887
Carrots (MT)	43	35	8,048	8,046	3	3	749	721
Cucumbers (MT)	191	163	40,508	65,404	32	32	4,652	13,190
Eggplant (MT)	14	14	6,820	7,008	4	4	2,113	1,978
Garlic (MT)	5	4	3,434	4,073	2	2	1,191	1,496
Onions (MT)	124	96	53,461	40,976	51	38	13,423	7,733
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	17	29	13,815	28,055	3	5	2,807	5,878
Peppers (MT)	91	90	42,064	57,962	23	21	9,140	15,024
Potatoes (MT)	131	148	24,832	38,613	25	33	4,361	9,300
Squash (MT)	48	59	26,315	28,023	11	14	5,267	7,503
Other vgs - fresh or froz (MT)	217	240	108,860	124,956	39	50	17,649	24,908
Vegetables - prep or preserv (MT)	402	518	431,740	515,550	74	123	93,109	116,043
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	41	36	67,110	69,466	8	6	13,114	12,622
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	22	22	47,522	52,603	7	8	15,318	18,501
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	4	22,969	19,207	2	2	12,022	7,150
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	4	3	6,230	6,300	1	0	1,012	894
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	1	1	2,485	3,240	0	0	402	270
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	71	86	38,777	67,628	11	20	6,274	19,915
Waterchestnuts (MT)	15	13	12,097	9,688	4	3	3,000	1,927
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	22	29	9,228	15,903	5	5	2,073	2,655
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	220	323	225,323	271,515	36	79	39,894	52,110
Sugar and related products (MT)	1,072	1,924	283,775	419,418	211	375	50,958	77,614
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	481	757	165,679	283,924	71	152	26,992	49,215
Molasses - inedible (MT)	405	1,006	31,766	26,619	101	193	8,174	2,866
Confectionery products (MT)	19	29	30,122	52,664	4	9	5,896	15,908
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	167	132	56,207	56,211	35	21	9,896	9,625
Spices (MT)	12	11	16,726	18,061	3	2	5,521	4,540
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	100	72	284,450	227,270	18	12	50,031	39,148
Tobacco - filler (MT)	86	66	264,011	218,132	15	11	46,193	38,287
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	7	5	9,438	3,366	1	1	1,593	432
Other tobacco (MT)	8	2	11,001	5,772	2	0	2,245	429
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	7,172	6,420	995,445	876,784	1,182	1,040	156,329	137,708
Wine (HL)	1,635	1,468	537,496	469,064	251	235	76,329	70,072
Malt beverages (HL)	5,025	4,568	417,809	377,532	829	756	72,401	63,586
Oilseeds & products (MT)	886	1,077	398,825	521,210	148	161	65,442	83,284
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	100	242	34,000	88,173	16	28	5,319	10,845
Flaxseed (MT)	19	121	2,726	41,192	4	8	606	2,662
Sesameseed (MT)	23	19	15,451	15,639	3	4	2,340	3,545
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	58	102	15,823	31,342	8	17	2,373	4,638
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	663	654	346,201	398,083	110	104	56,544	66,985
Castor oil (MT)	21	24	18,856	21,842	5	7	4,855	6,648
Coconut oil (MT)	269	184	121,090	93,047	43	24	20,295	11,866
Olive oil (MT)	35	42	53,757	69,295	7	7	7,394	13,643
Palm oil (MT)	110	91	33,115	37,501	23	18	4,355	6,560
Palm kernel oil (MT)	135	98	61,312	55,462	16	15	8,689	7,838
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	93	214	58,072	120,936	17	33	10,956	20,430
Oilcake & meal (MT)	123	181	18,625	34,953	23	29	3,579	5,455
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	410	1,754	0	0	0	791
Cotton linters (MT)	18	4	4,291	1,488	2	0	714	116
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	71	98	81,377	104,668	26	35	19,064	25,966
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	141,336	158,325	--	--	25,387	27,890
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	69,979	80,973	--	--	13,053	17,011
Other vegetable products (MT)	7	17	16,477	50,098	1	6	2,057	13,324
Selected non-agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	4,781,308	4,940,408	--	--	843,726	908,356
Fertilizers (MT)	8,496	8,761	748,922	934,953	1,903	1,479	174,021	172,213
Potassium (MT)	3,843	3,869	342,471	346,393	845	653	74,743	59,277
Nitrogen (MT)	3,876	3,390	316,939	446,315	856	440	75,374	74,465
Phosphate (MT)	414	1,330	33,426	114,199	90	379	8,208	37,309
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	364	155	56,086	25,125	113	0	15,697	0
Fish and shellfish (MT)	17,152	16,314	2,574,848	2,591,060	2,565	107	386,478	401,499
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	420	431	1,163,501	1,132,449	66	83	175,447	217,345
Shellfish (MT)	164	179	1,353,273	1,412,169	25	22	204,223	182,372
Fish products, other (MT)	16,568	15,705	58,074	46,442	2,474	1	6,808	1,781
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	47	34	259,056	212,616	8	12	48,876	67,012
Fungicides (MT)	4	6	26,092	31,118	1	2	4,286	8,558
Herbicides (MT)	24	9	123,110	80,474	3	1	19,591	19,416
Insecticides (MT)	9	1	64,210	16,695	2	0	12,508	6,647
Other pesticides (MT)	12	19	45,643	84,328	3	8	12,490	32,392
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,157,222	1,157,122	--	--	227,130	260,353
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	60	377	610,878	530,955	11	147	114,101	116,147
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	546,343	626,167	--	--	113,029	144,206
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	41,261	44,658	--	--	7,221	7,279

Preliminary data. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity column denote less than 500 units.



Table 3--U.S. Agricultural Trade Summary (\$ Million)

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
	Percent				
Agricultural exports	3,360	3,479	4,054	21,170	18.1
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,139	2,115	2,208	12,232	1.8
Imports (Customs val.)	1,938	1,873	1,983	10,963	0.7
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,220	1,364	1,846	8,938	50.9
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,422	1,606	2,071	10,207	45.1

Table 4--Leading U.S. agricultural export markets: Value (\$ Mil.) by destination, October-March 1986/87-1988/89

Destination	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
Japan	2,859	3,586	4,256
USSR	43	1,054	1,859
Mexico	539	528	1,405
Netherlands 1/	1,258	1,369	1,283
Korea, Rep.	776	1,120	1,146
Canada 2/	856	944	985
China, Taiwan	702	718	802
China, Mainland	91	218	707
Spain	479	566	698
Germany, Fed. Rep.	806	837	573
Egypt	431	340	496
United Kingdom	393	437	444
Venezuela	171	260	403
Iraq	210	335	399
Pakistan	22	107	370
Italy	478	417	351
France	300	353	303
Hong Kong	209	242	281
Belgium 1/	290	296	273
Algeria	99	252	241

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

2/ Adjusted for transshipments. Not adjusted for underreporting.

Table 5--U.S. Agricultural Exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
	Percent				
Total	3,360	3,479	4,054	21,170	18.1
Live animals	48	40	30	351	38.2
Meat & prep.	187	208	270	1,395	44.6
Hides & skins	114	147	159	840	-11.8
Wheat	507	553	623	2,883	49.0
Rice	69	63	92	473	28.1
Corn	551	477	625	3,226	78.6
Other feed grains	93	98	95	528	39.4
Animal feeds	281	278	392	1,836	10.0
Soybeans	531	451	531	2,975	-7.3
Vegetable oils	62	69	85	433	-3.7
Horticult. prod.	296	328	381	2,198	8.0
Cotton & linters	146	221	194	965	-26.4
Tobacco, unmg.	164	145	159	814	3.7

Table 6--U.S. Agricultural Imports (Customs value) (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
	Percent				
Total	1,938	1,873	1,983	10,963	0.6
Live animals	94	85	84	445	-3.1
Meat & prep.	245	192	209	1,207	-14.8
Dairy prod.	55	51	59	409	-9.3
Grains & feeds	90	100	112	565	34.2
Fruits & nuts	272	301	279	1,610	5.6
Vegetables	197	244	235	1,070	21.9
Vegetable oils	43	55	67	398	15.0
Wine	51	47	70	469	-12.7
Coffee	226	203	201	1,191	-13.2
Cocoa	120	81	103	512	-27.0
Rubber, natural	119	62	121	580	23.8
Sugar	45	39	49	284	71.4
Tobacco, unmg.	47	42	39	227	-20.1

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